

REMARKS

The Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated March 4, 2004 (Paper No. 15). Claims 3 to 5, 8 to 22 and 25 to 30 are in the application, of which Claims 3, 11 and 25 are the independent claims. Claims 11 and 25 are being amended. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication in the Office Action that Claims 3 to 5, 8 to 10 and 12 to 22 are allowed and that Claim 27 would be allowable, if rewritten. Claim 27 has not been rewritten, since it is believed that Claim 11, from which Claim 27 depends, is allowable over the art.

By the Office Action, Claims 11, 26 and 28 to 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent 6,083,007 (Joliat) and U.S. Patent 6,366,966 (Laney), and Claim 25 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Joliat, Laney and U.S. Patent 5,325,532 (Crosswy).

The present invention concerns outputting a quick-start guide in response to a signal sent to a computer system. According to the present invention, the signal, which is otherwise sent when a memory medium is inserted into a drive, is sent without the medium being inserted in the drive. The signal prompts the computer system to request an executable program, such request is intercepted and an executable program is sent to the computer system, which when executed causes the computer system to output an image of a quick-start guide, which identifies installation and configuration instructions

By virtue of this arrangement, a guide for use during an installation and/or configuration process is provided to the user. For example, the quick-start guide can be

consulted by a user to become familiar with the an installation procedure, troubleshoot problems that may arise during the installation, and make sure that the card is installed and configured properly.

Turning to the language of the claims, Claim 11 defines a method for outputting a quick-start guide. The steps of the method comprise a step of sending a signal to a computer system that ordinarily would be sent when a memory medium has been inserted into a memory medium drive, wherein the signal is sent without inserting the memory medium into the memory medium drive. An intercepting step intercepts a request from the computer system for a filename for an executable program, and the filename for the executable program is sent to the computer system in response to the request for the filename. A request from the computer system for the executable program is intercepted, and the executable program is sent to the computer system in response to the request for the executable program. When the computer system executes the executable program, the executable program causes the computer system to output an image of the quick-start guide, which identifies installation and configuration instructions.

The applied art, namely Joliat and Laney, is not seen to disclose or to suggest sending a signal to a computer system that ordinarily would be sent when a memory medium has been inserted into a memory medium drive, wherein the signal is sent without inserting the memory medium into the memory medium drive.

The cited portions of Joliat are only seen to describe that a signal is sent to the computer system when a CD is inserted into a CD ROM drive. Nothing in the cited portions of Joliat is seen to disclose sending a signal to a computer system without

insertion of a memory medium into a memory medium drive.

Similarly, Laney is seen to describe monitoring a CD-ROM drive to detect a change in status of the drive caused by the insertion of a CD-ROM in the drive. Laney is not seen to disclose sending a signal that ordinarily would be sent when a memory medium has been inserted into a memory medium drive, wherein the signal is sent without inserting the memory medium into the memory medium drive.

Crosswy has been reviewed and is not seen to disclose the features of sending a signal to a computer system that ordinarily would be sent when a memory medium has been inserted into a memory medium drive, wherein the signal is sent without inserting the memory medium into the memory medium drive.

Therefore, for at least the foregoing reasons, Claim 11 is believed to be in condition for allowance. Further, Applicants submit that Claim 25 is believed to be in condition for allowance for at least the same reasons.

Claims 26 to 30 are each dependent from independent Claim 11 discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Because each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual consideration of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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